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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER OHIRA SUBJECT:

(C. - ENTIRE TEXT.)

AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER OHIRA. BEGIN FYI:
A SIMILAR MESSAGE IS ALSO BEING SENT TO PRIME MINISTER
COSSIGA IN HIS EC PRESIDENCY CAPACITY, TO BE PASSED TO HIS EC-9 COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING THE BRITISH. END FYI.

- I WANT TO CON-DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: BEGIN TEXT. VEY TO YOU MY SATISFACTION AT THE DECISION OF YOUR GOVERN-MENT TO ADOPT ACTIONS EQUIVALENT TO THOSE DECIDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AT THE RECENT MEETING IN NAPLES. WE APPRECIATE THE SOLIDARITY WHICH THESE MEASURES REPRESENT AND ARE CONVINCED THEY WILL BE HELPFUL IN REACH-ING OUR URGENT MUTUAL GOAL OF ENDING THE DANGEROUS SITU-ATION CREATED BY THE CONTINUED INTOLERABLE DETENTION OF THE HOSTAGES IN IRAN.
- I HAVE BEEN DISTURBED TO LEARN OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS IN ONE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEMBER COUNTRY WHICH RISK

WEAKENING THE IMPACT OF THE SANCTIONS AGREED UPON. WOULD REGARD WITH DEEP CONCERN ANY INDICATION THAT THE PREVIOUS DECISIONS WERE THREATENING TO UNRAVEL. I KNO THAT YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE UNFORTUNATE SIGNAL SUCH SIGNS OF DISUNITY WOULD SEND TO THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES. I THEREFORE STRONGLY HOPE THAT JAPAN AND THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED WITH THE UNI-FORM AND RIGOROUS APPLICATION OF THE AGREED MEASURES EN-VISIONED IN THE JANUARY 10 DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. I HAVE ALSO CONVEYED THESE VIEWS TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE EC-9, THROUGH PRIME MINISTER COSSIGA AS EC PRESIDENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY WE WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES IN ITALY. WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. MUSKIE

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